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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael B. Holmes

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 January 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Examiner's Detailed Office Action

1. This office action is responsive to application **09/757,759**, filed **January 09, 2001**.
2. **Claims 1-26** have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-7, and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dugan et al.* (USPN 6,425,005) in view of *Szabo* (USPN 5,966,126).

Regarding claim 1: *Dugan et al.* describes a method for optimizing a hierarchical organization of a network site (*Dugan et al.* C 6, L 17-21) comprising: analyzing user access patterns to automatically locate weak spots in the hierarchical organization, where user's expected locations do not coincide with actual locations. *Dugan et al.* does not describe this feature i.e., analyzing

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user access patterns to automatically locate weak spots in the hierarchical organization, where user's expected locations do not coincide with actual locations. However, *Szabo* teaches this feature analyzing user access patterns to automatically locate weak spots in the hierarchical organization, where user's expected locations do not coincide with actual locations. (*Szabo* C 7, L 43-51) It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine *Dugan et al.* with *Szabo* for the purpose determining the "correct" results of a web search. (*Szabo* C 7, L 51-55)

Regarding claim 14: *Dugan et al.* describes a computer program product (C 7, L 54-59) for optimizing a hierarchical organization of a network site (*Dugan et al.* C 6, L 11-16), comprising: an analysis module for analyzing user access patterns to automatically locate weak spots in the hierarchical organization, where user's expected locations do not coincide with actual locations. *Dugan et al.* does not describe this feature i.e., an analysis module for analyzing user access patterns to automatically locate weak spots in the hierarchical organization, where user's expected locations do not coincide with actual locations. However, *Szabo* teaches this feature an analysis module for analyzing user access patterns to automatically locate weak spots in the hierarchical organization (C 17, L 15-25) where user's expected locations do not coincide with actual locations. (*Szabo* C 7, L 43-51) It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine *Dugan et al.* with *Szabo* for the purpose determining the "correct" results of a web search. (*Szabo* C 7, L 51-55)

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Regarding claim 2 & 15: further including determining available corrective measures to compensate for the weak spots (*Szabo* C 7, L 51-54; C 8, L 38-47); and assessing the corrective measures. (*Szabo* C 7, L 20-22).

Regarding claim 3 & 16: further including in response to the assessing step, selectively implementing the corrective measures. (*Szabo* C7, L 22-30)

Regarding claim 4& 17: further including in response to the assessing step or assessment module for assessing the corrective measures (*Szabo* C 17, L 33-40), presenting the corrective measures to an administrator for review. (*Dugan et al.* FIG. 5, item 500)

Regarding claim 5 & 18: wherein the analyzing step includes determining backtracks to identify the expected locations. (*Szabo* C 16, L 66 item b.– C 17, L 03)

Regarding claim 6 & 19: for optimizing the hierarchical organization (*Dugan et al.* C 6, L 11-16) of a Web site (*Szabo* C7, L 22-30), wherein the analyzing step includes determining backtracks to identify the expected Web pages. (*Szabo* C 16, L 66 item b.– C 17, L 03)

Regarding claim 7 & 20: wherein the analyzing step further includes inferring backtracks if at least some Web pages have been cached. (*Szabo* C 16, L 33-40; Official Notice is taken with respect to cache as being are old and well known)

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5. Claims 8-12, and 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dugan et al.* (USPN 6,425,005) in view of *Szabo* (USPN 5,966,126) in further view of *Pirolli et al.* (USPN 5,835,905).

Regarding claim 8 & 21: *Dugan et al.* does not disclose the limitation adding at least one link from an expected location to a target page. However, *Pirolli et al.* teaches the limitation adding at least one link from an expected location to a target page. (*Pirolli et al.* C 3, L 58-61) It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the references for the purpose of allowing users of large linked collections of data and or documents, for instance as manifest on the World Wide Web, the ability to access a wide range of information over the Internet easily.

Regarding claim 9 & 22: wherein the assessing step includes evaluating a frequency with which visitors expect to find a web page at an expected location. (*Pirolli et al.* C 8, L 01-06) It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the references for the purpose of analyzing a collections of documents residing on the portion of the Internet known as the World Wide Web, to the determine the predicted or expected number of hits a page will receive.

Regarding claim 10 & 23: wherein the assessing step includes evaluating a benefit of adding a link between the expected location and the target page. (*Szabo* C 17, L 48-59; Note: Web surfing would be a considered a benefit. Moreover, web surfing is considered well known to persons of ordinary skill in the art.)

Regarding claim 11 & 24: wherein the implementing step includes proposing that a new link be added between the expected location and the target page. (*Pirolli et al.* C 3, L 58-61) It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the references for the purpose of allowing users of large linked collections of data and or documents, for instance as manifest on the World Wide Web, the ability to access a wide range of information over the Internet easily.

Regarding claim 12 & 25: wherein the implementing step includes automatically adding a link between the expected location and the target page. (*Pirolli et al.* C 3, L 58-61) It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the references for the purpose of allowing users of large linked collections of data and or documents, for instance as manifest on the World Wide Web, the ability to access a wide range of information over the Internet easily.

6. Claims 13 & 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dugan et al.* (USPN 6,425,005) in view of *Szabo* (USPN 5,966,126) in further view of *Pirolli et al.* (USPN 5,835,905) in further view of *Lin et al.* (USPAP 2001/0034637).

Regarding claim 13 & 26: *Dugan et al.* does not disclose the limitation importing a plurality of updated weblogs for a Web page; and analyzing the hierarchical organization in light of the weblogs. However, *Lin et al.* teaches the limitation importing a plurality of updated weblogs for a Web page; and analyzing the hierarchical organization in light of the weblogs. (*Lin et al.*

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[0032]) It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to combine the references for the purpose of recording traffic to each space compiled each day and provided by the various web servers in the network.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and (listed of form **PTO-892**) not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure as follows. Applicant or applicant's representative is respectfully reminded that in process of patent prosecution i.e., amending of claims in response to a rejection of claims set forth by the Examiner per Title 35 U.S.C. The patentable novelty must be clearly shown in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited and any objections made. Moreover, applicant or applicant's representative must clearly show how the amendments avoid or overcome such references and objections. *See 37 CFR § 1.111(c).*

Correspondence Information

8. Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Michael B. Holmes** who may be reached via telephone at **(703) 308-6280**. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. eastern standard time.

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